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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS - EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURES

March 16th and 19th 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands,
United Kingdom, United States.

References: CH/1547, COCOM 471 (Revised), 1347, 1473, 2869.5, 2869.13,
2869.55, 2869.62, 2869.75, 2869.77, 2869.79, 2869.81, 2869.83,
2869.86, 3230, 3338, Secretariat Paper No. 104.

1. The CHAIRMAN proposed that Secretariat Paper No. 104 should be taken as the basis of the present discussion since it embodied the existing procedures laid down in COCOM 471 (Revised) and COCOM 1473, as amended on the basis of the agreement already reached on certain points during the earlier rounds of the discussion. Rather than proceed paragraph by paragraph, he suggested that the Committee should select certain questions of substance only tentatively agreed upon, such as the value cut-offs and the time limits, and then take up the discussion on the general drafting of the complete document after the Easter recess.

Part A exceptions.

2. The COMMITTEE agreed that the comments of Governments should not be expected in less than 18 calendar days (Secretariat Paper No. 104, paragraph 6).

Part B exceptions.

3. All Members of the Committee, with the exception of the French and Italian Delegations, accepted the cut-off of \$150 for "de minimis" cases (Secretariat Paper No. 104, paragraph 13(a)). The Committee agreed to hear on March 19th the further views of the French and Italian Governments on the cut-off figure and the views of all Members of the Committee on the possibility of fixing April 1st as the date for the entry into force of the new cut-off figure, without prejudice to the items covered by this procedure.

4. All Members of the Committee, with the exception of the French and Italian Delegations, accepted the cut-off of \$1,500 for "servicing" and "accident of definition" cases (Secretariat Paper No. 104, paragraph 14(a) and 15(a)). The Committee agreed to hear on March 19th the further views of the French and Italian Governments on the cut-off figure and the views of all Members of the Committee on the possibility of fixing April 1st as the date for the entry into force of the new cut-off figure, without prejudice to the items covered by these procedures.

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5. All Members of the Committee, with the exception of the Japanese and United States Delegations, accepted the time limit of 18 calendar days for "de minimis", "servicing" and "accident of definition" cases (Secretariat Paper No. 104, paragraph 13(b), 14(b) and 15(b)). The Committee agreed to hear on March 19th the further views of the Japanese and United States Governments on the question of time limits.
6. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the general discussion on April 16th.
7. On March 19th the FRENCH and ITALIAN Delegates informed the Committee that in a spirit of compromise their authorities could accept the \$150 cut-off for "de minimis" cases (paragraph 3 above) and the \$1,500 cut-off for "servicing" and "accident of definition" cases (paragraph 4 above).
8. The COMMITTEE agreed that the \$150 cut-off for "de minimis" cases and the \$1,500 cut-off for "servicing" and "accident of definition" cases would come into force on April 1st without prejudice to the items covered by these procedures.
9. The JAPANESE and UNITED STATES Delegates informed the Committee that their authorities accepted the time limit of 18 calendar days for "de minimis", "servicing" and "accident of definition" cases (paragraph 5 above) on the understanding that distant capitals would be allowed an extra 3 calendar days if they so requested.

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